

FW: URGENT: Request for s.38 [REDACTED] in STRs

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IMVE threat actors have operated successful campaigns either with or without the help of virtual currency crowdfunding platforms. IMVE threat actors have been known to launch campaigns on social media platforms such as Twitter, reddit, Instagram or youtube in order to publicly post information about their cause and a virtual currency wallet address to send funds to.

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In contrast, the use crowdfunding platforms allows these actors to potentially save on transfer fees which could add up to significant amounts if there is a large volume on incoming donations. Crowdfunding platforms also helps in making the entire campaign process more manageable and seamless. The benefits include advertising the campaign, the cause, and cryptocurrency address on crowdfunding website, making the process simple and accessible for donors.

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IMVE threat actors that subscribe to xenophobic and racist ideologies such as the Proud Boys, Counter Currents, Free Domain Radio, Weev, Stormfront, Daily Stormer, VDare, American Renaissance have been known to resort to cryptocurrency for funding campaigns once their accounts with banking institutions, platforms such as Patreon and GoFundMe are closed due to suspect activity. Decentralized blockchain and cryptocurrency allow the actors to raise funds without as much oversight from banking institutions and government. Websites such as Tallycoin are an example of how Virtual currency crowdfunding can also facilitate the donation process, having designated postings on their website for campaigns, making the donation process simple for donors.

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- ~ FINTRAC examined Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs), Large Cash Transaction Reports (LCTRs) and Electronic Fund Transfer Reports (EFTRs) received and disclosed to law enforcement between August 2020 to December 2021 relating to suspected IMVE-activity, as well as STRs suspected of IMVE-financing received during the same period.
- ~ Overall, IMVE threat actors have continued to operate, raise, receive and disseminate funds in largely the same manner as examined and assessed in the initial financial intelligence report by FINTRAC. As well, FINTRAC has observed that the financing of different categories of IMV extremism, such as xenophobic violence, anti-authority violence, gender-driven violence, and other, continue to fall within the classification of lone-actors, cross-border networks, and organized groups. In this regard, for example, FINTRAC assesses that the financing activity of a lone-actor motivated by incel ideologies would not be drastically different to the financing activity of a lone-actor motivated by anti-authority sentiments.
- ~ Importantly, in contrast to the initial report on suspected IMVE-financing, FINTRAC notes that most transaction reports submitted by reporting entities examined for an update consisted of threat actors identified as terrorist entities by Public Safety Canada. In many

instances, the listing of threat actors as terrorist entities by Public Safety Canada under the *Anti-Terrorism Act* was followed immediately by retroactive submissions of relevant and high-quality transaction reports by reporting entities.

- FINTRAC observed a notable increase in indications suggesting the growing use of cryptocurrency by IMVE threat actors, specifically by cross-border networks and organized groups. In addition to transactions with cryptocurrency exchange platforms, other financial activity indicating use of cryptocurrency included payments to VPN and message encryption services. FINTRAC assessing that the use of cryptocurrency by cross-border networks and organized groups could allow threat actors to raise significantly larger amounts of funds that would otherwise raise suspicions if conducted through regular personal or business banking accounts.
- Considering the growing mobilization efforts of ideologically motivated threat actors and the trend of accelerationist networks infiltrating and advocating for the use of violence in these spaces, FINTRAC assesses that an increasing amount of funds raised by ideologically motivated threat actors could be diverted towards tactical training and weapons procurement. FINTRAC assesses that there is a possibility that involvement of violent actors in otherwise non-violent ideologically motivated movements could be leveraged to pivot the funds raised towards activities that are more violent.

It was just portion-marked because I grabbed it straight from my working draft! Nevertheless, let me know if the above is sufficient.

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Thanks s.38 This is helpful. Could you please add some more details about 1-2 new key findings (doesn't need to be long)? Will need this before end of day. Also the bullets for Annette don't need to be portion marked, its for internal discussion only. Thanks.

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Hi s.38

Not sure if Annette would be interested in the specific preliminary findings or if the below high-level key points would suffice?

- (Prot. B) FINTRAC examined Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs), Large Cash Transaction Reports (LCTRs) and Electronic Fund Transfer Reports (EFTRs) received and disclosed to law enforcement between August 2020 to December 2021 relating to suspected IMVE-activity, as well as STRs suspected of IMVE-financing received during the same period.
- (U) IMVE threat actors, categorized as lone actors, cross-border networks, and organized groups, continued to operate, raise, receive and disseminate funds in largely the same manner as examined and assessed in the initial financial intelligence report by FINTRAC.

- ~ (U) FINTRAC assesses that the listing of IMVE threat actors by Public Safety Canada under the *Anti-Terrorism Act* greatly increased the submission of relevant and high quality transaction reports by reporting entities.
- ~ (Prot. B) FINTRAC observed a notable increase in indications suggesting the growing use of cryptocurrency by IMVE threat actors, specifically by cross-border networks and organized groups.

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Let me know,

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Thanks, s.38 I was going to follow-up to ask for this as well. Well played.

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Any bullet or two I can provide on the coming update? Just as a reminder of the work.

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Hi s.38

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Is Annette interested only in STRs that have the hashtags or would she like to know how many STRs were related to suspected IMVE-financing activity?

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Through a keyword search that included the hastags and French and English keyword (up to Dec 2021):

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Thanks for this s.38 Very quick turnaround and no cause for complaint from our side. Much appreciated!
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I had to separate weekly count and monthly count because a week can overlap over two months.
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Sorry that I was not able to give you the stats yesterday.
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Let me know if you want to add more variations to the keywords.

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Bonne journée,

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Bonjour s.38

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Pourriez-vous fournir des données et un graphique sur le nombre de DOD avec s.38 Si possible, le nombre de rapports hebdomadaires et mensuels du 1er juin 2021 - aujourd'hui serait très utile.

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Mille mercis,

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